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Students say

$100 co-op fee unfair, upsetting

A $100 co-operative work experience fee charged to students in the legal assistant program is unfair, two students say.

Thirteen of 20 second-year students, who worked for eight months under the co-op program, said they, and not the college, placed themselves in the jobs.

The fee, $50 for each of two four-month co-op terms, is used to cover the extra cost of making legal offices aware of the program and placing students in the jobs, John Parrett, registrar, said.

Amy Hogg, second-year legal assistant student, said she spent as much as $100 on resumes, stamps and travelling to job interviews and she couldn't understand why she should have to pay more for the college to "take credit for placing me in the co-op."

Chris Wishart, second-year legal assistant student, said she did not understand why she had to pay the fee.

Mr. Parrett said because the students are getting the same program, plus the experience from the co-op working months they are paying less money for the same course.

The tuition before the co-op program was instituted was $417 while this year it is $312, he said. Students now pay for one full term and the $100 co-op fee.

Amy and Chris said most of the students believed the fee would be $25 per co-op term.

Students pay as much for one term as they did for two terms last year.

Although the college calendar says there is a co-op fee, the amount is not listed, Amy said.

Mr. Parrett said the fees had to be increased after the college hired a full-time liaison officer to handle co-op placement. The first liaison officer resigned in October and the college is looking for a new one.

Many of the students said they are upset because they cannot understand why they should pay when they did not attend classes for eight months.

Free OHIP available

With the holiday buying season over and holiday bill paying season just beginning, the last thing students want is the added expense of OHIP premiums.

But most students are eligible for free OHIP coverage and should look into government assistance now.

"The main thing is not to let OHIP slide," Marian Kerr, college nurse, said..

Students faced with an unexpected stay in the hospital would fork out about $100 per day for a bed, and even a short stay of two or three days would cost a minimum of $400 or $500.

For most students "it would be a crushing blow, and it's needless" because "all they have to do is apply," she said.

Married students, or those 21 years old, cease to be classed as parent's dependents on the plan, but are eligible for premium-free OHIP under government assistance programs.

Application for OHIP should be made at least two months prior to eligibility to ensure

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President purchases college land

Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts, left, receives a Canadian flag and a scroll commemorating her purchase of the first square centimetre of Niagara's main campus in support of the Celebrate Canada Festival's fourth annual celebration to be held Feb. 14-16. Presenting Miss Robarts with the flag and scroll is festival convener Gail Hilyer. **See page 2 for story.**

(Photo by Byng)

Tuition fees increase 16% in Sept.

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Tuition fees at Niagara will be increased 16 per cent, from $345 to $400 per year, next September, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

However, all additional fees, such as lab fees which cost some students several hundred dollars, will be incorporated into the higher tuition fee and will disappear.

For example, Miss Robarts said, students in the dental assistant program who now pay a $210 fee will save money even though the college will not gain anything.

The tuition increase will be accompanied by an increase in money for student loans and grants from the province.

Miss Robarts said she is "not quite sure of the implications" of the increased tuition fees, which will affect Ontario's 22 community colleges.

However, she said she does not think the increase will cause a significant drop in student enrolment next year.

"I'm not sure that the $55 increase in tuition fees will affect many who want to come to Niagara College," she said.

"It may make it harder for some students to attend a community college, but the increase in loans and grants should make up for it."

Registrar John Parrett said the increase is less than the one in 1977-78, when tuition fees were raised by $75 to $325. Another increase of $20 occurred last September.

Mr. Parrett said he doesn't think the tuition fee increase "will affect college enrolment at all."

The elimination of the additional fees will help students bear the burden, he said. Also, the tuition fee increase will come under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), and money for grants and loans from this program will increase because the cost of education is going up.

TAX BENEFIT

"There is an added benefit which comes under the Income Tax Act," Mr. Parrett said. "Those who formerly paid lab fees couldn't claim these fees on their income tax, but now that the lab fees are non-existent and will be incorporated into the tuition fee, students can claim more on their income tax."

Miss Robarts said retraining students will not be affected by the increase, because they are paid by Manpower to attend class, and they don't pay tuition fees. "These students are trained, often because they cannot find work," she said.

As for continuing education courses, these fees are based on "what it costs to hire a teacher to teach the class. It goes up with salaries but we really don't know what will happen yet."

Niagara College has been "trying to suggest to the government that students would be more comfortable with a small increase each year," she said. "It's those large jumps that I really think make it hard for the students."

MAY BE GREATER

Ontario universities will be implementing a 7.5 per cent increase in tuition fees, but will have an option to increase the fees by another 10 per cent. This is being done to maintain the students' contribution of 15 per cent of operating costs.

But community colleges are not being given this option. Thus Niagara College's tuition fees will be kept at $400, and this ensures that the colleges "are not in a competitive market," Miss Robarts said.

University tuition fees will rise to an average of $775 for an arts and science undergraduate from $720 this year, according to figures released last week by Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities.

With the optional 10 per cent tuition fee increase in the universities, these students could pay an average fee of up to $825.50.

Co-op jobs

Beneficial but hard work

By HEATHER OAKES
Staff Writer

Students in the second-year legal assistant program gained knowledge, self confidence, experience in living on their own and assurance for seven of a job upon graduation after working the eight months of the course's co-operative work experience program.

The 20 students returned to classes in January after spending eight months working in area legal offices, as well as offices in Toronto and Ottawa.

Under the co-op program students attend classes for eight months, spend eight months working and then attend classes for four months, Patricia Drozdoski, co-ordinator of the legal assistants program, said.

Beginning last May, the students worked in law offices doing a variety of duties, including bookkeeping, legal research and various office duties, even, as one student said, running out for coffee.

An evaluation of each student's work was written by the employer.

"It was very beneficial but very hard," Margaret Black, who worked at Richard Williams, said.

Applying knowledge gained from her studies was the "hardest time" of her entire schooling.

After working for the eight months, students are better able to decide if they wish to continue in the profession, she said.

Janet Pejskar said a course couldn't teach in eight months all she learned on the job at Garvey Ferris in Toronto. She was able to expand on what was taught in the classroom.

Amy Hogg, who worked at Ernest Rovet in Toronto, said she enjoyed working and found that part of the course was beneficial.

As an added plus, Amy said she gained the experience of living on her own, paying her own bills and doing her own shopping.

Faith Hatton said she gained self-confidence from her "double dose of co-op."

Faith first worked for a lawyer who did not trust her abilities and merely gave her secretarial tasks. Her employer at Slenrowski and Marion in Welland, the second firm, gave her more demanding duties that helped her gain self-confidence.

When she didn't understand something, the lawyer sat down with her and explained it, often referring her to books. He was "really helpful," she said.

Cindy Williams said her employer at Stephens, French, Mckeown and Taylor in Toronto gave her greater responsibilities after he read the evaluation sheet and saw she was capable of doing more. Mrs. Drozodoski said this happened to many students.

Susan Purdy, who spent eight months working at Kroeker, Kretzmann and Martens in St. Catharines, said, "I was exposed to various cases in law and enjoyed the different cases of law."

Louise Lafranboise, who worked at Vice Hunter in Ottawa, said it was a "great experience."

The students did have some criticism of the program.

Janet said it is difficult for a student who has been a part of a firm for eight months to leave it and realize she might be replaced.

Employers are under no obligation to hire the students as graduates, Mrs. Drozdoski said.

Janet said many employers found it difficult to put their comments in the catagories alloted on the evaluation sheet. The lawyer she worked for filled in his own categories.

Margaret said each employer has individual "quirks" and a student must learn to adapt to individual personalities.

French workshops get good response

Good response from the community Career Planning workshop in French held Nov. 26 and Nov. 29 brought about a repeat of the session last week.

Nine participants were attracted to the first workshop, "which is an ideal size for a situation of this kind," Monique Beauparlant, francophone counsellor, said. Mme Beauparlant conducts the workshops as a free college service to anyone interested.

The last workshop was held in four half-day sessions. Purpose of the workshop was to help people plan careers and look for employment. Participants were urged to discuss their needs, interests and abilities. Mme Beauparlant aided them in the preparation of letters and resumes sent to employers and job interview techniques.

The same type of course will be held at Confederation High School, Welland, for graduating commercial arts students and a Career Planning Workshop in English will be held at Career House, Niagara Falls.

"There is a waiting list until the end of March for the French workshop," she said.

In February she will speak to tellers from Caisse Populairs on the topic of career clarification. Twelve people have expressed an interest in this topic that should be useful for promotional reasons in their present jobs, she said.

A key-note speaker from Ottawa is scheduled for the next workshop, The Supermarket Game. The goal is to help consumers shop more efficiently and economically. "Some of us shop poorly because we've never been taught the tricks," Mme Beauparlant said.

An Effective Parenting workshop to be held in March will feature a guest speaker from Sudbury. Films and literature will be discussed. The workshop is open to anyone.

Robarts Scholarship present for president

While most people probably receive the traditional Christmas gifts of sweaters or pairs of socks each year, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, received a special present this year — a scholarship in her name.

A cheque for $600 for the Jacqueline Robarts Scholarship Fund was presented to Miss Robarts at the staff Christmas party held Dec. 21 in the cafeteria.

Miss Robarts said she was "absolutely surprised and certainly very touched" by the gift, given by the faculty and the Board of Governors.

"I was touched that it was given to me, considering that I've only been here 19 months," she said. "I'm really very pleased and thrilled with it because it's something that will benefit the students."

The scholarship fund was set up because the staff of Niagara College found it difficult to decide on a present for Miss Robarts for Christmas.

LOTS OF GIFTS

Miss Robarts usually receives a gift every time she makes public appearances and speaks to groups or organizations. She has acquired a large number of items such as letter openers and stationary.

Miss Robarts said she has frequently talked about the importance of scholarships to students at the college.

TWO PURPOSES

The scholarship will serve tow purposes: it will be a tribute to Miss Robarts and it will also help Niagara College students, she said.

The scholarship wasn't one person's idea, but an idea which originated within the staff and went to the Board of Governors.

Miss Robarts said it has not been decided what specific area of the college will benefit from the scholarship. "I would like to see it go to an area of the college where there are not a lot of scholarships now being offered."

"The students of Niagara College have always been my main concern," she said. "I am particularly glad the gift is something that will benefit the students and not just a personal gift."

Now's your chance to own some land

Square centimetres of Niagara College's main campus are being sold by the Celebrate Canada Festival to help finance its fourth annual celebration Feb. 14-16.

For $2, the buyer receives a 10" X 12" scroll-like deed entitling him to one square centimetre of the Welland Campus of "Ontario's most progressive community college."

Sale of these 1,500 small pieces of real estate is part of the fund-raising campaign for the festival, which is supported exclusively from sources outside the college, a festival spokesman said.

Profits from the sale will be used to sponsor events and activities presented during the festival in honor of talented Canadians in the performing and visual arts, crafts, science and other fields, the spokesman said.

Conditions of the sale are such that the owner cannot erect any thimble-sized builings on their lots or group together to create a larger sized holding. This is ensured by legal language on the deed.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, made the first purchase from festival convener Gail Hilyer. Miss Robarts was recently presented with a framed deed to her property.

The deeds are printed on parchment paper in black, red and gold script. They are suitable for framing, the spokesman said.

Anyone interested in buying deeds to one of the miniature lots should call Linda Armbrust, convener, fund-raising committee, at 735-2211, 688-1380 or 384-2383, ext. 321.

No need?

A course for francophone students to update their skills in the French language has been cancelled due to insufficient enrolment.

There appeared to be a need for the 21-hour-a-week course, called Francaise, and it had a potential of 12 to 15 students in September, George Blazetich, chairman of academic studies, said. As of last October, only one student remained.

The program can be reactivated if it attracts a sufficient number of students in future, Mr. Blazetich said.

The program was run in the school of retraining and was taught completely in French. Since the functions of the school of retraining were divided among other schools, the course became part of the school of applied arts.

Students for the course are sent to the college and financially aided by the Canadian Employment Insurance Commission (CEIC), formerly Manpower.

Dorothy Korchock, who instructed the course, was reassigned to other teaching duties at the post secondary and academic upgrading level.

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Lunch hours find most students in lounges around the college like this one in front of counselling services.
(Photo by Oakes)

Child-like behavior in resource centre

Library personnel are determined to put an end to the "misdirected adolescent behavior" that has taken place in the resource centre recently and are about to make it plain to the culprits that it is unacceptable.

Graham McKinnon, director of college services, said the library will be brought back to an atmosphere of studying. Steps are being taken to point out that the "misdirected nonsense going on is completely unacceptable."

Punishment will depend on the severity of the action and, if the incident is really unacceptable, the person will be barred from the library for a week, or have to pay a fine in the case of vandalism, he said.

Incidents of loud talking, vandalism to equipment and a shoe-throwing incident in which a person was struck in the face have been reported.

Mr. McKinnon said most students will respond in the proper way when told of their conduct, but there are always a few who refuse. It is not a case of the "library being out of control."

ONLY A FEW

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told the President's Student Advisory Committee in December she did not want to penalize 2,700 students when only a few are involved in the disturbances.

Stephen Kees, senior librarian, said the staff is being reasonably fair but there are limits to what can be tolerated and some people have gone beyond those limits.

SIX OR SEVEN

Mr. Kees said there are six or seven people who sit around a table and make themselves heard above the others and are not willing to quiet down when told by a member of the library staff.

He said there have been complaints from students in the library about the noise; he said the problem is widespread throughout the college and not limited to the library.

Mr. McKinnon said the library's objective is not "to penalize or to assess punitive damages," but to point out the conduct of people in a place where quiet study is accepted.

He said procedures have already been implemented and students will be told "in no uncertain terms" when their conduct is unacceptable.

Not enough lounges, too many students?

Some students, bored during double lunches, vandalize library equipment and cause disturbances in the halls, a Niagara College librarian said.

During the double lunches Tuesday and Thursday, 90 per cent of the students have nothing to do but wait in the halls or library for classes to begin, and many cause trouble, Joanne Brooks, who works on the circulation desk, said.

Only 10 per cent of students take part in the extracurricular activities during this time.

There are only a few small lounges for these people to use and the cafeteria holds only a limited number of people, she said.

Trouble usually begins in the halls and is brought into the library.

Library equipment has been damaged and students have caused disturbances in the library in the past months.

Mrs. Brooks said she has heard students ridicule other students.

Shelly Tucker, an interior design student, said a group of about 15 males shouted obscenities as she walked down the hall.

The men who usually sit in the library outside the counselling centre or the library "had no right to ridicule me."

She said they shouted at her and some of her friends several times.

"I feel very alienated, almost as if I do not belong there."

Mrs. Brooks said a few students have become abusive when they were asked to leave the library.

It is up to the individual to report incidents of vandalism and complain about abusive language.

Charges could be brought against students who commit these offences.

A day-time security force hired to police halls could decrease the vandalism, she said.

New contract 'nightmare,' union advises rejection

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

While the negotiating team for Ontario's College of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) faculty is confident the teachers will accept the province's latest contract offer, local union officials are recommending the faculty reject the settlement in tomorrow's vote.

The revised contract the Council of Regents is offering is "a hairy nightmare" and "in all honesty it is the worst contract I've ever seen," Duane Orr, president of Niagara's local 242, said.

Wally Krawczyk, spokesman for the 6,300-member Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) said in a recent Canadian Press article, though there is a "certain amount of dissent," "we feel confident the members will ratify."

A motion to reject the bargaining team's acceptance of the contract was carried at a divisional representatives meeting Jan. 6.

The union leaders "want the negotiating team to go back and clean this thing up," Mr. Orr said.

LOOPHOLES?

Members of the Niagara union executive recommended at an earlier general meeting that the teachers turn down the offer because "there are so many loopholes," he said.

On the surface the contract might look fine, but once the members had a chance to have a hard look at the "poor language of the contract" they saw "how inadequate the whole thing was."

Though the union finds a number of things wrong with the contract, such as job security and the dental plan, one of the main stumbling blocks hinges on salary settlement.

The Council of Regents is offering a seven per cent wage increase in the fiest year of the two year contract, with a salary re-opener in the second year.

According to the CP article, the negotiating team feels the latest offer was the best the union could get under the circumstances, but Mr. Krawczuk said a better contract could have been negotiated if "given the strike vote Nov. 8."

Both the original contract offer of a 6.5 per cent raise in the first year and a 5.5 per cent hike in the second year, and a strike mandate were rejected by the union in November.

IS ACCEPTABLE

According to a newsletter sent to the union members by the baraining team, the contract offer wass acceptable to all but one member of the team who felt that everything in the second year, not just salary increases, should be negotiated and all terms put to binding arbitration.

The negotiating team "unanimously agreed that seven per cent in the first year was the maximum that could be obtained without a strike."

Union members, however, disagreed with the negotiating team, saying that the offer "should not be considered an increase, but as a decrease in real spending power," it was reported in an OPSEU newsletter.

The union argues that it has settled for salary increases around the 5.5 per cent range for the past three years, while inflation has been consistently over eight per cent.

The union wants a one-year contract with an eight per cent pay raise. "we want at least a guarantee that we'll keep up to the cost of living," Mr. Orr said.

Wording of the contract, especially the salary re-opener clause is vague, according to the union newsletter, and does not provide for settlement by arbitration in the second year.

ACCEPT OR STRIKE

If the two sides cannot come to an agreement, the union is for ced to accept "whatever they give us," or go out on strike, Mr. Orr said.

Though members of the negotiating team agreed the wording of certain clauses in the contract is vague, they feel it would be in the best interests of the union to ratify the contract, and begin "immediate preparation for aggressive negotiations for June 1980," according to a union newsletter.

To turn down the contract would be "deceptive and irresponsible," the bargaining team said, and called a "NO" vote "futile adventurism."

Also in the contract offer is a severance pay plan for laid-off teachers with three or more years service. But they must first waive recall rights, something which is "intolerable" to the union, a bulletin to members stated.

In the same newsletter, the union representatives attacked the dental plan, claiming it is worse than the one previously offered because it would take effect in June not January. The plan to share dental bills 50-50 between the individuals and the province is the first time the teachers have had a dental plan.

Tomorrow's vote is to decide on the latest contract offer only, unlike the November balloting which was combined with a strike vote. If the contract is again rejected, the bargaining team will either take a strike vote or resume negotiations for a third time.

Arts needs $

The applied arts faculty awards fund has $380 in it to date and if more money is not donated then the size of the awards will have to be reduced or the money distributed differently.

James Cuthbertson, chairman of the applied arts awards committee, said he is seriously looking at the cost of the awards and a decision will have to be made at this month's faculty meeting.

This year 32 people are to receive an award and the cost of plaques is about $35 each. Last year the awards cost about $1,300, Mr. Cuthbertson said.

If there isn't enough money in the fund for the regular plaques, then the size of the awards will have to be changed or they will have to be limited to second-year students, he said.

"Faculty has been very good in contributing up to now and the problem could be lack of advertising," Mr. Cuthbertson said.

Faculty donates to the fund through payroll deductions. Mr. Cuthbertson said probably some members forgot about it and didn't realize collections were being made.

Mr. Cuthbertson said they would make do with what they get and if there isn't enough money then a decision will have to be made about the awards.

Awards have been given to students for 10 years and will continue, but changes may be necessary in the type of awards received, Mr. Cuthbertson said.

"They (faculty) can still give if they want to."

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EDITORIALS

Afternoon delight

Ahh...the enjoyment of double lunches. Instead of gulping down a hot cup of coffee and chewing on a sandwich on your way down the hall to an elective, you have a chance to stroll over to the cafeteria and enjoy a leisurely hot meal.

But don't stroll too slowly on your way to the cafeteria because when you arrive you might have to fight your way through the crowd to get a place at a table. Remember, the majority of the college population also has a double lunch.

Once seated, and after savoring your cafeteria collation, you can only linger over an after-dinner coffee for so long. With an hour and a half left before your next class, you get bored. What should you do?

Well, some very inventive and upright college students have solved that problem.

Why not sit in the lounge in front of the resource centre, pretend you're at a wild party, make as much noise as possible and heckle passers-by?

Sound like fun? If not, you could always go into the resource centre and disrupt students using the double lunch in a constructive way.

But who wants to be constructive, anyway? Why not have some real fun and be DEstructive?

Vandalize library books, typewriters and anything you can get your hands on — now that's real fun.

The only problem is that you'll have to pay a price for your action. But, if you don't mind paying a fine or being charged for acts of vandalism, being barred from the resource centre or having double lunches eliminated, then keep it up. After all, it solved the problem of boredom during double lunches, didn't it?

Gail Shafer

No-snow blues for skiers

Has the lack of snow disrupted your skiing activities? And are those brand new skis sitting in your basement, sighing at the fact that the weather reports worsen every day? Well, join the fellow skiers who are just crying for the sight of a good base and the sound of skis hitting it.

Getting back to reality, the skiing industry has hit rock bottom this year with the worst season in 20 years. Ski resorts and organized trips are suffering tremendously because the shortage of snow and mild temperatures prevent the use of snow-making machines.

Blue Mountain at Collingwood is losing $500,000 daily and instructors and maintenance employees are crying, not figuratively but physically, shedding tears when they have to report limited to fair conditions.

By this time each year, those people who have bought season passes would have realized the benefit of them by now. Passes cost about $300 but do not come with a written guarantee that it will snow or that the putting up of that money is a sound investment.

What has happened to Canada's favorite winter sport, and where will it end up?

If the mild weather stays, the skiing industry will have to change its slogan from snow skiing to grass skiing, to compete with the grass skiing course in Kings Landing, outside of Toronto.

A further problem for the resort employees is the loss of jobs and temporary layoffs. Loss of profits means the loss of jobs.

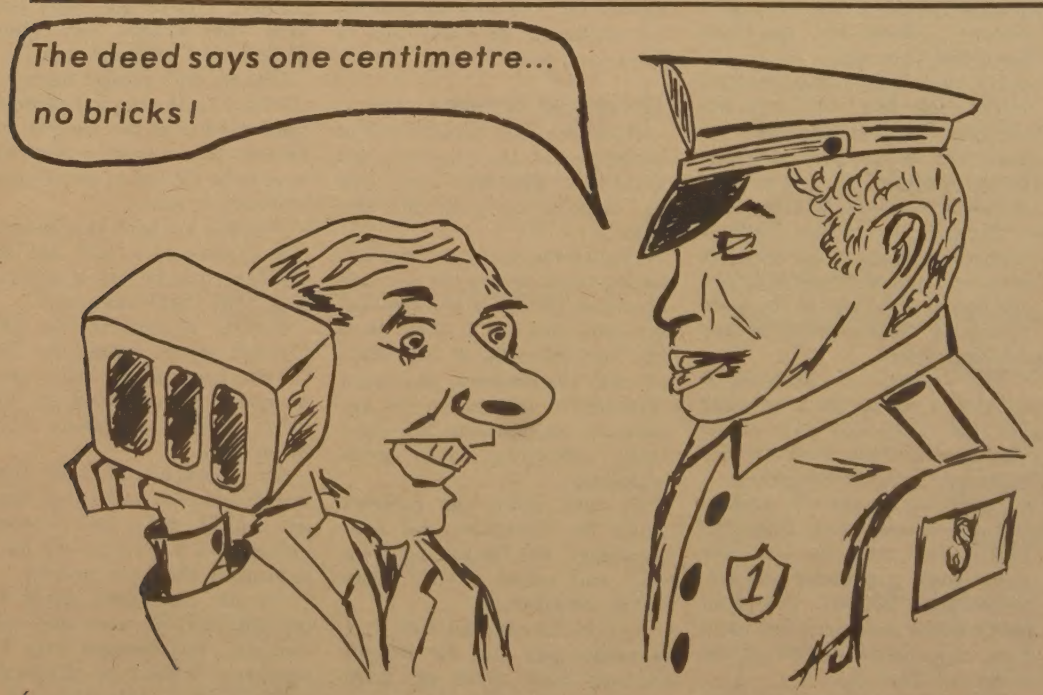
Many people see this mild winter as a joy, and a miracle. Driveways are clear, roads are bare and heating costs have been lowered.

City maintenance also recognizes this winter as a benefit. The costs of plowing and sanding roads have been lowered.

As for the dedicated skier, this winter has been a complete disappointment which has led to the skier blues.

Let's look on the bright side of things and keep thinking positively. Maybe, just maybe, the heavens will open and down will come at least 20 centimetres worth of skiing **SOON!**

Carla Mackay



NEWS ITEM: College sells centimetres of land

Readers' Forum

Things look rosy for blood donors

Dear Editor:

Several bouquets should be handed out in connection with the recent Red Cross Blood Donor clinic at Niagara College. I would single out the following groups for big red roses.

First of all are the media, The News and CRNC, for giving the event great publicity. (Heather Oakes, The News reporter, should be given a gold-plated corpsuckle, or at least a platelet, for her efforts in this regard).

Second are the E.R.T. students, Carol Regnier and Kim Angle, who prepared some very effective bulletin board displays and Sandra Davidson, who did some good poster work.

The third group is the entire first-year Human Relations class which plastered the campus with posters.

Fourth, is Alex Merzanis and his Graphic Arts department which pitched in with the design and printing of posters (Marsha Charlebois) and hand-out cards (Susan Nicholson and Fred Mannison).

Not to be forgotten is the Student Council which sponsors the event each year. In this regard, Normand Perreault, vice-president, External, and Nancy Twerdohlib, secretary, seemed to bear the brunt of the load.

Of special importance are the class reps and classes, such as Dental Hygiene, Health Schience Prep., Law and Security Admin., Human Relations, Health Records Tech., Social Work and Technology, who took the competition seriously and organized active campaigns to bring the Corpsuckle Cup to their areas.

These are the people who are helping to build a tradition at Niagara College.

Sincerely,
Eugene L. Maltais

Thanks

Retired Tech. instructor expresses appreciation

Dear Editor:

RE: "Instute Honors Glen Schliehauf," Vol. 10, No. 6.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your article, and to the clubs' memberships for their presentation.

In order to expand on the clubs that were involved, I thought that this correspondence would help to specifically name them as follows:

(a) The Niagara College Student Chapter of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers.
(b) The Niagara College Amateur Radio Club.
(c) The Niagara College Computer Club.

The membership in these clubs are actively engaged in many and various technical adventures and activities, all of which broaden their technical involvement and encounters outside this institution.

My involvement has been to encourage and recommend as many students as possible to participate and assist their dedicated executives.

Sincerely,
Glen Schleihauf

Congratulations

Dean Giancarlo compliments journalism

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Terri Neufeld, editor of the Christmas, 1979, edition of the Niagara News and to the students and staff who assisted her. This 20-page newspaper ranks as one of the best Christmas issues ever produced by our Journalism students. The wide range of stories covered by the reporters and their clear style of writing combine to make this an interesting and entertaining news chronicle.

The statement accompanying the photograph "Frosty Sunshine" was written, I understand, by Joanne Deleeuw and is so lyrical in style and content that it could be written as blank verse.

Thank you, "Journalism", for your fine contribution to College life during the past year and may you continue to enjoy further success in the new year.

Sincerely,
I. J. Giancarlo,
Dean, School of Applied Arts

Readers' forum

The Niagara News welcomes letters from concerned readers to be printed on the editorial pages of subsequent editions.

We reserve the right to select and edit all letters appearing in the paper.

So, if you've got something to say, write a letter to the News and drop it into the newsroom, S212.

Roving Reporter

By BRENDA STOKES
and LISA KIRCHMAYER
Staff Writers

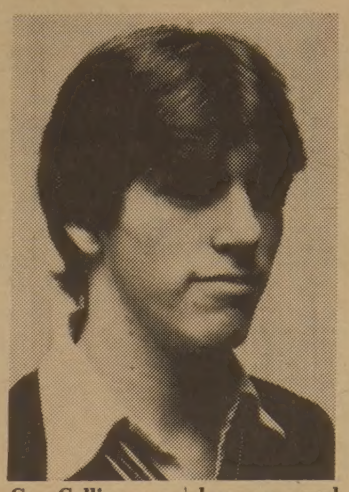
Next year tuition fees will be $400 for all full-time students regardless of their program. Under this system lab fees will be incorporated into tuition fees and will not be a separate cost. For some students with large lab fees there will be a saving but for others with no lab fees this will constitute an increase in education costs. Niagara College students were asked their opinions on the tuition fees increase.

Ken Kormos, first year mechanical technology: I just heard about it so I can't be much help. I heard there was a seven per cent jump.

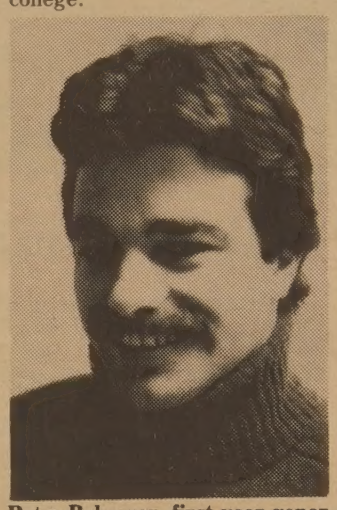
Ron Huizinga, first year electronics technician: Sounds good for those with higher lab fees, but for others, they get ripped off. It should stay the way it is now.

Ingrid Schilder, first year tourism: Forget it. I like it the way it is. It's too expensive anyway. I don't want to pay for someone else who has a $200-$300 lab fee. Don't we pay $12 a credit anyway?

Linda Mahaffey, second year accounting: It won't affect me. I won't be here next year. But, at the same time, why should I have to pay for something that doesn't affect me or my courses. Why should I pay for someone else's education.

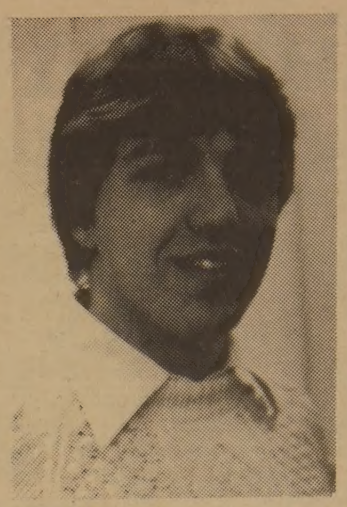


Guy Collins, second year general college: I don't agree because if you are in a specialized course you have to pay specialized lab fees. Some courses which have higher lab fees make more money when they graduate from college.



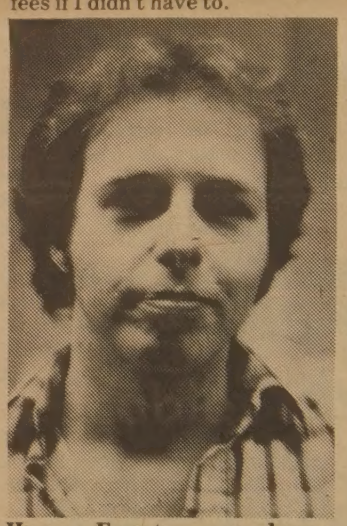
Peter Belanger, first year general business: Most students are not too concerned about it because most students pay the increase through government loans or grants.

Steve Campion, second year interior design: It's kind of unfair if you're in a class that doesn't pay lab fees, they won't get anything out of the increase. It's good for us because I pay a $130 lab fee, but not other people.



Peter Vince, first year technology: Doesn't sound very fair because some people don't have labs.

Debbie Kostiuk, first year fashion arts: I pay a lab fee of $120 this year, but last year I wasn't in this program and I didn't have to pay a lab fee at all. Books and equipment cost enough. I wouldn't want to pay fees if I didn't have to.



Harvey Forester, second year refrigeration and air-conditioning: I think it is a bad idea because people who don't have labs shouldn't have to pay lab fees. Whose idea is this anyway? How much is it going to go up?

Bullpit

Bullpit is a free expression of opinion by second-year Journalism-Print students and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Niagara News, its management or the administration of Niagara College.

Talk to us!

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

The Niagara News reported in its last edition that the Student Administrative Council (SAC) was dissatisfied with the reporting of SAC events. From a news point of view that rather provocative opinion, along with the disappointing agreement by college president Jacqueline Robarts, certainly deserved its place on the front page of the paper.

We at the Niagara News welcome **informed** and **constructive** criticism if it is based on some sort of understanding of the way in which we operate. However, SAC's criticism is just a bit unfair, since any communication problem between the council and the News is as much, if not more, their fault than ours.

As SAC president Jim Walters later pointed out to the News, it is not so much the actual writing that he is objecting to, but rather the choice of articles.

ARE ACCESSIBLE

Since September we have made ourselves quite accessible to the council, but in the four months that I have been covering the SAC beat for the Niagara News, I have been contacted exactly once by SAC concerning a potential article. The rest of the coverage has come as a result of my own investigation or in the course of sitting in on general meetings.

For those totally unfamiliar with reporting, the idea for a newspaper article can originate from the reporter himself or from another person, but we have no magical way of sniffing out all the news in the college.

We do our best to investigate what is going on, but we have classes to attend, too. Nor do we have mind-reading capabilities. We cannot be expected to heed criticism if we do not hear about it.

Not once has SAC ever spoken to me about their dissatisfaction.

NO HELP

Silent criticism of the paper does no one any good, and to suggest that they set up their own paper is definitely skirting the issue.

If SAC has enough information to print their own paper, then surely they have enough to keep me occupied writing articles for the Niagara News — but only if they let me in on exactly what there is to write about!

Though I didn't exactly care for the way SAC went to the President-Student Advisory Committee rather than directly to the Niagara News about their complaints, perhaps better relations have resulted, proving that communication is the key to solving the problem.

The publication of the Niagara News is our practical lab work; we journalism students just love to work. We welcome letters to the editor, information about upcoming events, ideas for stories, and feedback from both students and faculty.

We don't want to operate in a vacuum, and we really want students to talk to us. It gets kind of lonely up here in the newsroom sometimes!

NC election minipoll has Liberals ahead

A mini-poll conducted by second-year journalism students showed the Liberal party is favored in the upcoming federal election.

Twenty-five people or about one per cent of the student population were asked: "If there were a federal election tomorrow, which party candidate would you favor?"

Forty per cent of those polled said they would vote Liberal, 20 per cent said they would vote Progressive Conservative, 12 per cent favored the New Democratic Party, 16 per cent said they would vote for other parties and three per cent said they were undecided.

The poll was taken from Jan. 4 to 9 at the main campus.

Program contest

A computer programming contest is being held by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), Computer Chapter, Niagara College student branch. The deadline for program entries is Feb. 22.

"All students from the college can enter," Edward (Ted) Manning, computer chapter chairman, said.

The program can be on any one original subject if it can be run on college computers, he said.

Submissions are to be handed in to the IEEE club room, Lundy 8, preferably to Alan Ralston. They will be judged within two weeks.

First prize is $25, second is $15 and third is $10 and winners must be willing to demonstrate their programs.

Funding increase from province

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Niagara College will be receiving a 7.5 per cent increase in funding from the province for the 1980-1981 school year, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Each of Ontario's 22 community colleges is to receive the increase, which "works out to $12 million for all the colleges combined," she said.

However, this increase in funding is not large enough to cover salary increases at Niagara. "We're immediately in a situation where the increase will not pay for the salaries alone, so it will require more belt-tightening."

"But I think we're fortunate we got what we did — we'll make ends meet just as we've done in the past," she said. This year's increase is, however, more than last year's, which was only 6.2 per cent.

Miss Robarts said the percentage increase in provincial funding is not as large as the percentage increase in college spending.

The support staff's contract will give it a 15 per cent salary increase over last year, and 125-130 people will be receiving this, she said.

The increase in funding for next year is also below the inflation rate, Miss Robarts said. "It (the provincial funding) has been below the inflation rate since 1975 at least and I suspect it was before that, too."

Miss Robarts said "80 per cent of the budget is salaries," and the college must meet this requirement. Therefore, it will be necessary to "keep cutting back on other things or to cut programs."

Ontario universities will be receiving a 7.2 per cent increase in funding from the province, .3 per cent less than the community college increase.

However, she said, this is because the college tuition fees are not going up by as much as university tuition fees. The college fees will go up by 16 per cent while university fees will go up by 7.5 per cent with an option to increase it by another 10 per cent.

Another reason is the colleges "grew in excess of 10 per cent over-all, and the government is trying to re-distribute post-secondary funds more equitably."

RN's spark new program

By HELEN CATES
Staff Writer

Through the joint efforts of five community colleges a part-time certificate program for registered nurses employed in occupational health settings will be offered in Ontario in February, 1980.

Guidelines for the program were developed by a special committee "of interested colleges and other resource persons" appointed by the ministry of colleges in 1968.

The program was developed as a response to requests from occupational health nurses, Evelyn Gay, chairman of continuing education for the school of health sciences, said.

The Collaborative Community College Program for Occupational Health Nurses will involve a number of courses which can be completed in three years.

ENHANCES ROLE

The aim of the program is to enhance the role of the occupational health nurse as a health and safety promoter, health teacher, a competent practitioner and an effective member of the occupational health care team in a variety of work environments.

Niagara College, George Brown, Humber, Seneca and Sheridan colleges developed the program which will begin in February at Seneca, Miss Gay said.

It will provide the registered nurse with increased knowledge and skills in interviewing, counselling and teaching, prevention of occupational induced diseases, health status assessment, accident prevention, safety counselling, crises intervention and coping mechanisms.

It will also stress the team approach to an employee rehabilitation and use of community health agencies by employee and family.

It will provide an understanding of analysis and control of environmental hazards in the workplace and an understanding of the basic principles of management and the role and functions of labor and management.

SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS

The joint college co-operative venture came about, Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, said, when the ministry of colleges and universities received several suggestions for a proposed occupational health program with identical titles but different course outlines.

The development of this program was made possible through a grant from the ministry of labor.

DIFFERENT CAMPUSES

The courses will be offered at the different campuses on a rotation basis, and will involve 450 hours of study. The courses offered will include occupational hygiene and health surveillance, occupational toxicology, occupational health management, statistics and epidemiology, safety management and biomechanics, occupational health nursing, health assessment, health education and counselling, and 90 hours of field work. The fee for the course will be determined by the college offering the course.

Sharing of resources and teachers will provide the best possible educational experience for Toronto and the Niagara area, Miss Gay said.

Jacqueline Robarts presents a Secretary of the Week Award to Jeannette O'Reilly, secretarial arts student. (Photo by Shafer)

Award winners

Twenty-three secretarial arts students received Secretary of the Week Awards at a Dec. 12 presentation in the Hamilton Room.

Those who received the awards for their practical work experience in the secretarial services office were: Brenda Patterson, Jenny Nero, Toni Provenzano, Angie Tota, Jane Winston, Anita Hofman, Karen Apolcer, Rose Kirchmayer, Brenda Kenyeres, Brenda Freeman, Annemarie Auricchio, Melanie Giacometti, Sylvia Varga, Julie Chytra, Jeannette O'Reilly, Theresa Koabel, Crystal Johnson, Pauline Karal, Carol Crown, Joan Reganilli and Irene Sowa.

Smallpox eradicated

'Beat drums, sound trumpets'

By HELEN CATES
Staff Writer

Smallpox has been eradicated from the face of the earth, and *no one seems to care.*

A disease that has been the scourge of mankind for centuries and has not been seen anywhere in the world for the last two years, has been officially declared annihilated.

"In the history of the world no disease has ever been declared eradicated by the World Health Organization," Dr. Barbara J. Blake, director of the public health branch of the ministry of health, said.

"I don't understand why the drums are not beating and the trumpets sounding."

Smallpox was an acute infectious disease characterized by fever, vomiting and pustular eruptions that leave pitted scars, or pockmarks. It had a high morbidity rate in epidemics. In one year alone (1967), it was estimated that the cases of smallpox throughout the world were at least 10 million.

The name of Ali Maow Maalin will long be remembered in medical history. Mr. Maalin, 23, of Merka, Somalia, has the distinction of being the last known person to have smallpox in the entire world.

James Magee, information officer of the smallpox eradiction unit at World Health Headquarters, Geneva, reported that Mr. Maalin "recovered". And this time it was smallpox that died."

The last case of smallpox transmitted from one human being to another was October, 1977.

World Health Organization (WHO) has delayed announcing the eradication of smallpox until a two-year period of without a single confirmed case of the disease transmitted from one human being to another.

The minister of health for Somalia, Col Muse Rabile Goud, announced, "we are now preparing to celebrate the official certification of the eradication of smallpox from Somalia, the last area of the world where endemic infection occurred. Not only our own country, but all the nations of Africa, and indeed the whole world, can now be considered free of smallpox, after a long and ardous struggle."

The Ontario ministry of health advises that "there is no longer any reason to recommend or require student nurses and others in the health or child care courses to be vaccinated against smallpox."

Dr. Blake said the health and ambulance acts will be amended following this new development.

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Nursing program length increases

By JIM DAVID
Staff Writer

Niagara College's two-year nursing program is undergoing changes which will make it a three-year program by 1981, because an extra 425 hours of clinical practice must be built into the course at the request of the ministry of education.

In a ministry of education press release given to all colleges with diploma nursing programs, a special committee recommended a 25 per cent increase in clinical experience from 1,200 hours to 1,625, creating an extra two weeks of classes.

The press release stated that "colleges will have the flexibility to implement the new program standards according to their educational beliefs and the availability of local resources."

Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, said Niagara would like to expand the program into a three-year, 24-month teaching program "because it is the best way to go."

This would allow faculty more time for course development, students more clinical practice, less pressure and it opens up the possibility for some students to get a summer job in a health care institute, he said.

The two-year nursing program has six terms with the first year taking up 10 months and the second year 11 months. Under the new proposal, there will be three eight-month terms over three years.

Lois Millar, chairman of the diploma nursing program, said both students and faculty are in favor of the three-year proposal.

She said Niagara College has about 1,450 hours of clinical practice so it will not be too difficult to work in the extra time allotted.

Mr. Habermehl said the Niagara College board has approved the recommendation for the three-year program and is in the process of developing the layout of the course for the ministry's approval for 1981.

NC combats illiteracy

The first step toward identifying and trying to combat the problem of illiteracy in this area has been taken by Niagara College in co-operation with the Niagara Regional Literacy Council.

A literacy tutorial program, held Dec. 15 to Dec. 16 at the college, helped to train 20 tutors who will teach functional and primary illiterate people privately.

"This is an attempt to provide the kind of educational programs that service our workforce," Dr. Eric Robinson, labor studies chairman, said.

He said there are about 50,000 illiterates in the Niagara Peninsula, many of whom have difficulty in finding and keeping a job.

Simulated casualty victims serve as useful teaching aid

By HELEN CATES
Staff Writer

Blood oozed from an open wound in his temple. Burn blisters covered his palm. Drew Mclay's complexion was ashen and he was purplish-blue around the mouth as he strolled along Hennepin Hall.

Although the injuries looked authentic, no one was injured. So don't be alarmed. Mr. Mclay was merely an excellent example of Laurence O'Laughlin's handiwork.

When an accident victim is required at Niagara College, Mr. O'Laughlin provides one. He's not a violent man, nor is he accident prone. He doesn't use violence to achieve the desired effect; vaseline, denture adhesive, chicken bones and Fleecy fabric softener are his raw materials.

Mr. O'Laughlin is a licensed casualty simulator. A casualty simulator is simply someone who is qualified to take a healthy, normal looking person and make them appear to have met with an accident.

Niagara College uses simulated victims to test ambulance and emergency care students in their practical examinations.

SET FOR TESTS

The scenario that was set up for testing was one Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of the ambulance and emergency care program, said he encountered frequently as an ambulance attendant. The workman, Mr. Mclay, complete with hard hat, ladder and electric drill, was dusted with blue chalk around his mouth to simulate lack of oxygen resulting from electric shock.

Mr. O'Laughlin used plasticine to build up an area to resemble swollen tissue surrounding a wound; he mixed flesh and peach coloring to match the victim's exact skin tone.

"This is sometimes difficult because of the many varieties of skin shading in individuals," he said.

"Men are difficult to make up because of their facial shadow and because make-up does not stick as well to a beard as it does to a woman's face."

In Drew's case, it was the simulation of injuries that could be received when a workman's drill hits a live electric wire, the jolt knocks him off the ladder and a burn is caused to the palm of his hand. The laceration on his forehead was supposed to have been caused when his head hit the floor.

When the students entered the room, thanks to careful staging and Mr. O'Laughlin's make-up job, the accident looked true to life.

Laurence O'Laughlin's simulated casualty, Drew Mclay, poses as a victim of electric shock for the ambulance and emergency care students' examination.
(Photo by Cates)

His leg was still caught in the ladder and his back was flat on the floor; blood dripped from the cut on his ear, and most impressive were the burn blisters and smoke on the palm of his hand.

It takes about 20 minutes to make up a victim and after each student's test, Mr. O'Laughlin spends another six or seven minutes touching up the damage done during the bandaging.

Mr. O'Laughlin, a dispatcher for the St. Catharines ambulance service, worked until six months ago as an ambulance attendant in St. Catharines.

In his leisure hours, he is director of training for St. John Ambulance cadets in the Niagara area.

As a first aid instructor, he has taught first aid to industrial classes, retarded adults and children.

"It is very difficult to teach first aid when you have only photographs of casualties. It is much more effective when you are able to provide a person for your students to practise on — one who appears to have all the symptoms you would expect in a medical emergency.

Picking up a bottle of dark, brownish-red liquid Mr. O'Laughlin said, "I haven't made up any blood lately. This is turning quite brown. I'll have to boil it again to brighten it up." The blood he was talking about was Fleecy fabric softener and red food coloring.

Week long labor studies to be offered

The labor studies division of Niagara College will provide a one-week full-time union leadership course in February.

Dr. Eric Robinson, labor studies chairman, said one-week full-time courses are becoming popular because they are short and compact.

He will instruct the course, with the assistance of local union leaders.

Registration is now being taken for the Feb. 25 to Feb. 29 course.

Courses fill needs of area industries

In response to industrial need for supervisory and management employee training, the continuing education division of the school of business is providing a course for employees of two local industries.

Employees of the Talon Division of Textron Canada Ltd., St. Catharines, and Maple Leaf Mills, Port Colborne, will take part in separate 10-week courses on supervisory and management training beginning Jan. 17.

"We have provided similar courses for various industries in the past," Ross Sawle, college development officer, said.

Mr. Sawle said the college is offering the courses because it likes to provide the type of educational programs required by industry.

"We discovered employee supervisory and management training to be a need industry had, so we are attempting to provide for that need," he said.

There are 12 Talon employees enrolled in the course to be held at Welland Vale. Maple Leaf employees are still enrolling in the course to be held at the mill.

The Talon course will be taught by several instructors, including representatives from the ministry of labor and the addiction research foundation. Carole Hood, E. M. Werner and Guy Mottola are the instructors for the course to be held at Maple Leaf Mills.

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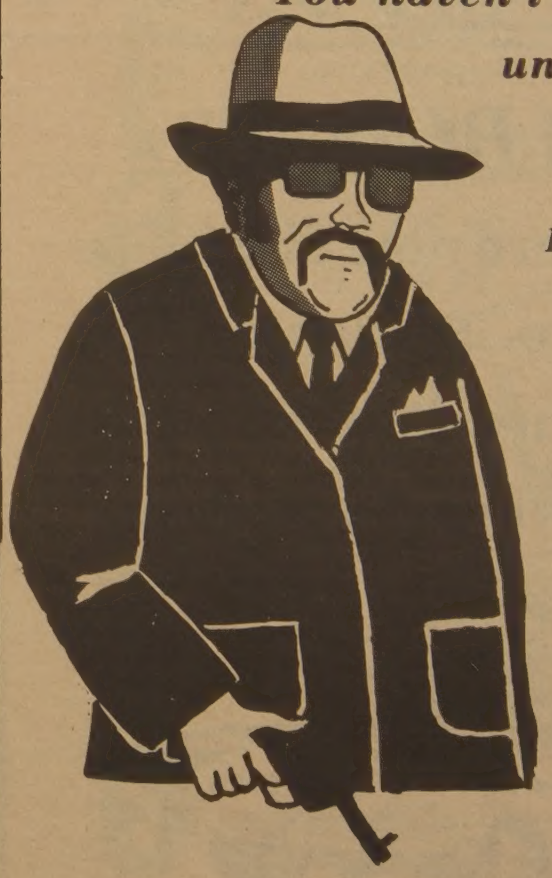

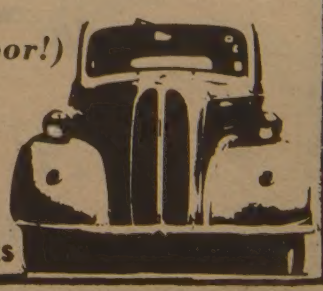

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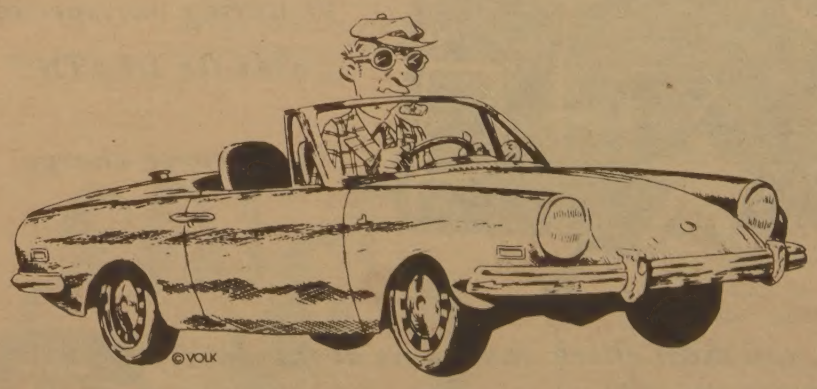

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Horse-driven sleighrides reminiscent of days gone by

By CHERYL KEECH
Staff Writer

In the evenings on the back roads of Winger near Chamber's corners, a well-lit sleigh may be seen sliding around the countryside carrying hay — and passengers. A hayride in the night — reminiscent of days gone by.

Owner and operator of the horse-driven sleigh Jack White said he usually uses his three and four-year-old colts to haul wood and work the land but he started giving sleighrides this year to make extra money to feed them.

His wife, Merial, mother of three, said they used the horses all of last summer to work up their acre of land to put in a garden. The wood hauled by the horses is being used this winter in a wood stove inside the house.

Having started a new job and working straight days, Mr. White will be home every night and weekends to take people for rides near his Perry Road home.

"Before we had to work weekends and we couldn't go out visiting or anything," Mrs. White said. "People who want rides can have them any time now."

The sleigh or wagon, a wagon being more appropriate due to the lack of snow, is well-lighted, he said, and for $5 per couple he hitches up his horses and directs them along the roads for about an hour.

Jack White, a Winger resident, takes an enthusiastic group of customers on an old-fashioned hayride along the back roads of the township in his horse-driven wagon. Mr. white can give people an hour-long tour of the countryside for $5 a couple, and group rates are available upon inquiry. Mr. White used the horses last summer to work up his acre of land to put in a garden, and wood hauled by them is now being used in his family's indoor wood stove.

(Photo by Byng/Courtesy of Welland Evening Tribune)

Prices are negotiable but he said he usually goes by couples 'unless it's kids." Group rates are available upon inquiry at his home or by phoning 899-3541.

Will save on snow removal if mild weather continues

Plant and property manager Jack Spittle said there could be a minimum snow removal charge if the mild winter weather continues.

The college pays a basic rate for 40 hours service per week, regardless of the amount of work performed, Mr. Spittle said.

If there is heavy snowfall and work exceeds the 40 hours, the college pays the firm at a predetermined hourly rate, he said.

Savings will be made if there is a little work outside of the normal 40-hour week, he said.

The snow removal contract provides for 13-week coverage until March 29.

The college provides sand for the firm's men to spread on lots and walkways.

The Farmer's Almanac predicts frequent mild spells, less than normal snowfall and little snow cover from mid-December through the first week of February.

The almanac forecasts 10 degree farenheit above average temperatures for January and six degree above temperatures for February.

French Cabaret during festival

A French Cabaret evening on Feb. 16, featuring a folk group and a French-Canadian meal, will be part of this year's Celebrate Canada Festival.

Les Sortileges, a dancing and folksinging group of 30 people, will promote Quebec culture in two 30-minute sessions of traditional dancing and singing, David Davies, one of the organizers of the event, said.

Hort. Centre recycles trees for mulch

Niagara College Horticultural Centre will be recycling used Christmas trees again, mulching them for use at the centre.

The trees are collected by the engineering department of St. Catharines and for the last five years the centre has been using these trees as mulch, Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator, horticultural technician program, said.

Hort. graduate teaches full-time

By TERRI NEUFELD
Staff Writer

Through student, technician, to full-time faculty, Thomas Ball has come full circle in the college's horticultural technician program, and is teaching full-time at the school.

The 33-year-old graduate of the program has been with the school since 1974, working as a technician and teaching part-time.

Mr. Ball was in the first class when the horticultural technician program began in the fall of 1968, Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator, said.

Mr. Ball teaches day courses in practical horticulture and greenhouse floriculture and night courses at the college in gardening for the home-owner.

"I guess the night courses are what got me started into teaching," he said. "I broke into it slowly."

RETURNED IN 1974

He has taught the course in practical horticulture for the last five years, since he returned to the college in 1974, dividing his time between his job as a technician and teaching part-time. The Horticultural Centre has a full-time technician, Mark Hedger, who is a graduate of the program.

The job as technician includes work in the greenhouses and grounds and ordering materials for other instructors.

Mr. Ball spent the four years after his graduation working for Burlington Parks and in the greenhouse industry.

"I thought I would be better off to get away and get a job elsewhere," he said. What he picked up from others while working he can use in his teaching.

"To make the switch from student to faculty would be very difficult unless you got away for a while.

Mr. Ball said he feels fortunate he could get into teaching, but "if you asked me 10 years ago if I wanted to teach, I would have said, 'no'."

"You could be the best grower in the world, but to be a good teacher you have to be able to communicate with the students and instil enthusiasm," Mr. Ball said.

PLAN CAREERS

He encourages his students to look at the greenhouse industry in planning for their careers.

"Students are looking at the future, and the energy crisis makes a difference," he said. "More and more are shying away from greenhouse work as a career. It's scary right now, the number of greenhouse owners going under. We have to be cost conscious."

There are alternatives to the old methods used in greenhouses, Mr. Ball said. The switch to energy-saving techniques and "cooler crops" are necessary in these times of energy conservation.

"There's always something new," he said.

Mr. Ball is taking a college course in teaching techniques, taught by William Munroe, to "better myself for the students."

He enjoys teaching night courses because of the variety of people from different fields, and finds he can learn from his students, too.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ali's 'Open Sesame!' entrances children

By AMY DE LAPLANTE
Staff Writer

Amid dazzlingly colorful scenery, Ali Baba triumphed once more over the 40 thieves in Niagara College Theatre Centre's production held Dec. 12-19.

Seen by about 3,250 area school children, the show was a delightful mixture of comedy and suspense.

From the king's comical servants at the opening of the performance to the spectacular sword fight near the close, the show was an enjoyable one.

A magical cave that opened in a puff of smoke at the password "Open Sesame!" was only one of the special effects that entranced the young audience.

The vividly rich, colorful costumes and beautifully intricate sets created an air of Arabian royalty in the palace, and a mood of foreboding at the thieves' cave.

"It's gratifying that the students were so well rewarded for all the hard work they put into the show," D'Arcy McHayle, director of the production, said.

The children's theatre group is researching a docu-drama entitled December, 1983, tentatively scheduled for mid-February. It will be a projection of Canada in that age, Mr. McHayle said. The play, which will be directed by John Rapsey, theatre arts co-ordinator, will project social, political, technological, industrial, energy and other conditions and developments of that time.

The next major production being planned for April is Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Nexus cancelled

Three members of the percussion group Nexus will not be appearing with poet Earle Birney on the opening day of the Celebrate Canada Festival.

The group, which was to have provided musical accompaniment during Mr. Birney's readings, will not appear "due to budgetary considerations," Sylvia Watkins, Celebrate Canada Festival co-ordinator, said.

Mr. Birney will still come to the college on Thursday, Feb.14. He is willing to spend most of the day visiting classes and talking to students, she said.

Guitarist Paul Dickinson squeezes off a few good licks. The Hunt's entire stage equipment and clothing were in stripes but bass player Brian Gagnon said there was no special meaning behind them other than to provoke curiosity.

(Photo by Benner)

RTV promo film will improve Dunnville's rep

The town of Dunnville wants to uplift its image and it's paying Niagara College to do it.

Four third-year radio and television students, majoring in film production, will receive $6,000 to make a promotional film for the Dunnville Development Board.

The students have already begun work researching to best portray the town as "a nice place to live, work and play," and hope to begin shooting at the end of the month, Chris Lees, one member of the film crew, said.

Originally, the town wanted a promotional video tape, Chris said, but the students were told late in December it decided to go ahead with plans for the film, the first a town has ever paid the college to make.

Half the price of the film will be advanced to the crew before it starts filming, and the rest upon completion, Chris said.

Since the college will provide the necessary camera and sound equipment, and will actually own the film once complete, 'it's a lot cheaper than if they have to pay a professional film team to do it."

No specific script or format has yet been decided on, but the development board wants a look at the town through the different seasons, so the crew does not expect to finish filming before June 2.

Under the guidance of film instructor Elias Petras, Jim Cassidy will be directing, Jeff Hughes producing, Tom Massiah will control sound and editing, while Chris will be in charge of camera work.

Hennepin art gallery wants student exhibits

It's time to get out your water colors, oils, pastels, or crayons, Niagara College, and participate in the first student art exhibit in the one-year history of the Hennepin Art Gallery.

The organizers are looking for "anything" in art work, and encourage both day and evening students to submit paintings, drawings, mixed media works or sculptures, Thomas Fraser, gallery spokesman, said.

Since the gallery is limited to about 25 or 30 pieces, the submissions will be judged for their merit by a jury and in that sense the exhibit is more of a contest than a display, Mr. Fraser said.

Purchase awards for the pieces are being negotiated, "where a person will put up a certain sum of money which enables them to pick out what they like."

"We're trying to get the individual schools involved."

Application forms will be made available to the students who are limited to two submissions. April 2 to April 3 will be set aside to submit entries to the gallery in Hennepin Hall.

"I certainly hope for a good response," Mr. Fraser said.

Throughout the first year the gallery has been open to the students and the general public, there "have been quite a few students going through, and this will help to draw attention to it."

"I think there are a number of students involved in artwork in the college," in addition to students of the graphic arts, interior design and fashion arts courses which are constantly involved in it, he said.

Most loveable teacher is Barry Sharpe

While everyone in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) knew Barry Sharpe, economic instructor, was voted most lovable teacher at the year-end bash, someone forgot to tell *him*!

Asked by the Niagara News for his reaction to the award, he replied: "Heck...Is this on the level?"

And he didn't even get the bottle of champagne promised as the prize.

First-year general business students captured all the "most lovable" awards at the bash with Mario di Gaetano and Ken Thompson tied for most lovable male students, with about 38 votes each. SAC officials did not know what percentage of the votes came from women.

Karen Smith took the title for most lovable female student, with 30 votes; she could not be contacted for comment.

With his boyish grin, sandy blonde hair and winsome disposition, Mr. Sharpe said perhaps the reason he won was because he teaches large classes and gets to know more students. He received about 35 votes.

"It's certainly an honor that has never been bestowed on me," and when told it was the first such event sponsored by SAC, he replied: "It'll probably be the last."

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Free movies from SAC

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is providing two free movies during the double lunch hour in the Hamilton Room.

Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein will be shown on Jan. 17 and The Choirboys, adapted from former policeman Joseph Wambaugh's novel, will be shown Jan. 31.

The Hunt lives up to billing: 'good old rock n' roll'

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

The Hunt pounced on a packed pub last Wednesday and never relinquished its hold as the band pranced and prowled through three sets of both original and distantly commercial "good old rock 'n roll."

A tape of renowned racing car driver Jackie Stewart dispensing advice on how to start troublesome cars introduced the three members of the Toronto band who proceeded to race through driving, biting heavy rock songs, including hits from Led Zeppelin and Free.

The Hunt has its roots in well-known Canadian bands. Drummer Paul Kersey played with Max Webster on the bar circuit and on the group's first album.

Bass guitar, keyboard and flute player Brian Gagnon and lead guitarist Paul Dickinson both put time in the now extinct Bullrush, once billed as "Canada's hottest live rock show."

Some of this reputation has rubbed off on The Hunt. The entire band was restless onstage, with Kersey standing on his stool crouched over his kit during a frenzied, almost-out-of-control drum solo at the end of the second set.

Gagnon recalls the unusual origin of the band's name three years ago:

"A week before we were to go into the recording studio the band had just formed and needed a place to practise and a name. Being in the Grimsby area, the manager of the Hunt Club let us use the hotel to get our act together."

The band was named after the hotel, he said.

WELCOME IN TEXAS

Now the band has its second album, "The Hunt," due for release some time in March and is returning to Texas where enthusiastic crowds and the sale of 15,000 copies of the first album have provided much needed exposure, Gagnon said.

Guitarist Dickinson says The Hunt is following the trend of other neglected Canadian bands by journeying to the United States. But if the group is successful, the members will not make a triumphant return and have Canadian FM radio stations — which had previously spurned them and given them little air play — now proclaim them as an exclusive native product.

Most of the night's music consisted of first and second album contributions: She Flew Freely, I Was Walking, Dreaming from the first album; and Heart Bender, Back on the Hunt, Tell Me Why and Standin' in the Road some of the new material played.

Non-original tunes blended in quite well and songs like Fooling with the Devil by Van Halen, It's All Too Much, by George Harrison and Day of the Eagle by Robin Trower were played with powerful precision.

The Hunt is making a safari back to the Hunt Club in Grimsby this week before travelling to Texas, where Dickinson says crowds clamor for Canadian bands.

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Members of Niagara's badminton team practise in preparation for the Niagara Invitational Tournament Jan. 26 and other upcoming competitions. (Photo by Byng)

Team prepares for tournament

By JOANNE DELEEUW
Staff Writer

With all thoughts of summer frozen under visions of ice and snow, members of Niagara's badminton team still diligently clad themselves in shorts and T-shirts, arm themselves with racquets and practise their game in preparation for upcoming competitions.

The team, hastily preparing for the Niagara Invitational Tournament Jan. 26, "doesn't look too bad," Coach Paul Sipos said.

"The fundamentals are there, but they're a bit rusty" after the two-week vacation away from the game at Christmas. This means the 16-member team is going to have to work to get in better shape and work on specific shots, he said.

In this first year as coach of the team, Mr. Sipos said though he has not seen the team play in a competitive situation, he feels Niagara has a good chance of placing well in the competition.

LOOKS STRONG

The team won't be the top team, but will "probably be strong in mixed doubles and singles" and in certain events will "place first, second and third range," he predicted.

"We'll be up there," but the "competition is going to be good."

Though he hasn't seen the other colleges play, St. Clair and Fanshaw traditionally have always had strong teams and these are going to be the teams to beat, along with Mohawk, which "usually has one good singles player," he said.

Plans for the tournament are tentative but nine or 10 colleges are expected to participate in the day-long event.

LACK OF TIME

One of the biggest problems facing the team is the lack of practice time available. With the gym schedule crowded by other events and teams, namely basketball, the team "doesn't have too much time in the gym." The only night available to them is Tuesday evenings, shared by recreational badminton players.

Some team members get additional practice during the double lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but even with the extra practice, it is necessary to "play against other teams" in a competion situation, Mr. Sipos said.

Sue Biederman, ambulance and emergency care student, said though last year's team was smaller, "the people there were good." Unfortunately, many graduated last year, and the team "lost three-quarters of them."

At the invitational, there will be two teams in each category of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Other tournaments are the regional championships on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 and the O.C.A.A. Championships on Feb. 22 and Feb. 23.

Stretch!

Niagara girls basketball team defeated Sheridan College 59 to 50 at Sheridan College gymnasium in Brampton Wednesday, Jan. 9. The top four scorers were Lisa Furgal with 17 points; Pat MacKey, 13; Carrie Metcalf, 13, and Frances Russell, 10. This is the girls' first game back since the Christmas break and they are pleased with their six wins four losses. They are still in fifth place in the ladies basketball division and must place fourth to make the playoffs. (Photo by David)

Vintage Leaf returns to hockey

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

One of professional hockey's most famous veteran goaltenders was thrust into the limelight once again last week when Johnny Bower again donned a Toronto Maple Leaf uniform.

Bower, whose age has been estimated at anything from 55 to 60 years, suited up for a practice session with the Leafs last Tuesday.

He was scheduled to dress for his first National Hockey League game in 10 years last Wednesday as Toronto prepared to face off against the Stanley Cup champions, the Montreal Canadians.

But it never happened. Rookie goaltender Vincent Tremblay started in goal and subsequently let in three early goals. He was then replaced by Paul Harrison.

It was believed that Harrison would not be the back-up goalie for the game due to a serious bout with the flu. Bower was then slated to dress as back-up goalie for Tremblay.

Mike Palmateer was recovering from an ankle injury and Czechoslovakian Jiri (George) Crha, Toronto's only other goaltender, was unable to play due to international clearance problems.

Bower was quoted as saying he volunteered for the job, but "I just hope and pray I'm not needed."

The veteran goaltender's age has always been the subject of much controversy. The 1968 NHL guide says he was born Nov. 8, 1924, which makes him 55. But many say he never provided the league with his correct age.

Bower joined the Maple Leafs during the 1958-59 season, and he retired after the 1969-70 season. During his years with the Maple Leafs the team won four Stanley Cup championships.

Now a coach and scout, Bower still works out now and then with the team, but during his career he was named the NHL top goalie twice.

Of course, his return to the ice may have been only a publicity stunt on the part of general manager Punch Imlach and Leafs' owner Harold Ballard to lure fans to the game.

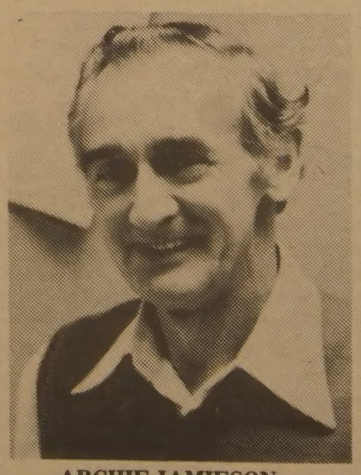
Through several dozen media interviews, the goaltender aroused much public interest, particularly through statements such as, "If I'm called upon, certainly I'd play, but I'd like a chance to go to church first."

1,000 miles, still running

Archie Jamieson, a personnel management and industrial relations instructor and Niagara College's resident sprinter, has logged more than 1,000 miles during the past year.

Mr. Jamieson, 56, has been running for 10 years but only competitively for the last two. He placed second in his age category in the St. Catharines Standard "Run for the Grapes" contest last fall.

Since then he has run in three races: a 6.2 mile race in Fredonia, N.Y., in November; a 10-mile competition in Hamilton on Boxing Day and an informal race in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Dec. 31. His times were 46:46, 73:26 and 74:15 respectively.



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Mr. Jamieson said there were no age categories in the three races. He said he also ran more than 1,000 miles last year, and it was "the first time ever." He said he ran 1,003 miles, "including training, racing...everything."

"I became particularly interested in running when I joined the St. Catharines Roadrunners in the summer of 1979," he said.

Mr. Jamieson runs about 30 miles a week, and the amount of running he does each day varies in degree. On some days he'll run three miles, while on others he'll run 10.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, presents the Corpsuckle Cup to Evelina Van Roosemalen, representative for the Dental Hygiene class. Owen Jenkins, left, president of the Welland Red Cross Society, and Norman Perreault, SAC vice-president of external affairs, look on. The Dental Hygiene class won the award for having the highest participation rate in the blood donor clinic Dec. 7.

(Photo by deLaplante)

Highest participation rate dental hygiene students first

The dental hygiene program, which had a 44.4 per cent participation rate in the December blood donor clinic, won the Corpsuckle Cup.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, presented the cup to Louise Chochla, program coordinator, during a ceremony held last Thursday.

The cup is given to the class with the highest participation rate during the clinic held at the college, Eugene Maltais, Corpsuckle Cup organizer, said.

Yvette Bisson, Red Cross blood donor clinic chairperson, Marjory Firth, Red Cross chairperson, and Evelina Van Roosmalen, class representative, attended the ceremony.

Of 2,675 full-time Niagara College students, 213 donated blood during the clinic. The Red Cross hoped to get 350 volunteers.

About eight per cent, a seven per cent decrease from last year's figure, of the total daytime post secondary students took part in the clinic held Friday, Dec. 9, by the Welland chapter of the Red Cross and the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Mr. Maltais said "although the Red Cross was very happy with the results," he was unhappy the clinic did not achieve last year's high participation rate.

During the 1978-79 clinic, 366 of the 2,544 students donated and four classes had 100 per cent participation rate.

Norm Perreault, SAC clinic organizer, said he was "pleased the Red Cross was pleased."

He was disappointed so few staff members came to donate.

The fact that the clinic was held on Friday at the end of a week of exams could have caused the decreased participation rate, he said.

The next clinic will be held earlier in the year and on a different day, Mr. Maltais said.

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continuous coverage, but application for full 12-month premium assistance can be made any time.

"If you're late in applying, you'll be late in receiving coverage," Mrs. Kerr stressed.

Foreign students on visa are eligible for free OHIP, she said. "The ones who don't have it are just lucky they haven't needed it."

Temporary assistance, covering a three-month period, is available for students leaving the work force to return to school. Application for this type of aid is usually made in September.

Informal sessions beneficial

The United Electrical Workers' hall on Steel Street in Welland is alive on Thursday evenings with the action of at least a dozen wives of striking Welland Forge Ltd. workers. But these women don't meet for just a social evening of coffee and cakes. They meet to discuss problems associated with families during strike times.

The wives, who form a subcommittee of the United Electrical Workers' women's auxillary, meet in an "informal but exacting way to discuss human relation and family relation problems stemming from the strike," Dr. Eric Robinson, college labor management studies chairman, said.

Dr. Robinson said the need for such meetings is quite apparent. The college provides speakers on such topics as psychology, self image and a wife's role on the picket line.

The women use the meetings to help bridge some economic problems caused by the strike by exchanging children's clothing and toys.

Dr. Robinson said although the meetings are primarily for United Electrical Workers' wives, he hopes to offer a similar course through the college, which will be open to the general public.

Church baby born Menon instructs term

Patricia Menon will be taking over English instructor Erika Church's classes this term while Mrs. Church is away on a four-month maternity leave.

Mrs. Church gave birth to a 6-pound, 15-ounce baby boy on Jan. 8, at 8:45 a.m.

"Mrs. Church will be coming back for the May-June work experience program," Dennis Malone, chairman of the English division, said.

The work experience program is designed to get staff back out into the working world for a while. Mrs. Church has elected to do her placement this May-June at an art gallery in Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Menon is keeping her own courses as well. She said she doesn't believe anyone will be teaching the Canadian Literature course Mrs. Church taught last term which brought Canadian poets Irving Layton, Al Purdy and Miriam Waddington to the college.

Someone who is involved with Celebrate Canada will be looking after celebrated poet Earle Birney who is coming to the college during the festival, she said.

"Since I came to the area a few years ago, I had a hard time getting a teaching job," she said, but, "last term I was working here part-time and the year before that I was sessional — filling in for others."

"I started here working on a project finding out what people in the rural area needed from the college. I worked for Gail Hilyer for six months."

About two years ago she took up literacy and began teaching adults who could not read or write English.

The Niagara Regional Literacy Association came into being about 2½ years ago, she said."I was one of the people who helped to get it going."

Since Mrs. Menon has had some experience in teaching the English course load, she said she will like this new job.

English Dept.

Incredible coincidence

Sudden illness, surgery and pregnancies have taken their toll of English instructors this term. Five instructors are either off work or have a reduced workload since the beginning of the term.

"It's an incredible coincidence having so many people out of action for the term or part of it at the same time," Dennis Malone, chairman of the English Division, said.

Mr. Malone may be coping with the situation all right but it is taking up every hour outside of teaching classes, he said. Of the five instructors, there is only one who has not been replaced.

The teacher who has not been replaced was admitted to hospital shortly after the term began.

Three of the instructors are pregnant. One who applied last August for maternity leave gave Mr. Malone ample time to arrange for Patricia Menon to take on a full-time course load instead of the part-time she carried in the fall.

One of the pregnant women "was here on a sessional basis and had her course load reduced. The rest of her load was then joined to another part-time load to make a full load for Cathy Everett." This was arranged by Dec. 22.

The third who is due the end of March is taking "a slightly early maternity leave and wil be replaced by a full-time supply teacher."

As for the fifth English instructor, Mr. Malone is optimistic he will be returning within the week.

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